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MEMORANDUM FOR DLA CORPORATE BOARD

SUBJECT: Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Environmental Management System (EMS) Policy

Environmental management must be a business practice for systematically upgrading overall Agency performance. Systematic environmental management must be an active tool for accomplishing our strategic goals.

DLA will continue its commitment to environmental stewardship, reducing risk and pollution, and assuring continual compliance with legal and other requirements. We must also harness environmental management to accomplish our mission priorities. Systematic environmental management must be an integral part of our work with suppliers, host and tenant facilities, communities, and employees to provide ever-improving support to the warfighter.

Therefore, I am directing that DLA maintain and use mission-focused EMS conforming to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001 Standard at all qualifying DLA activities. To assure full value from this practice, we will complete on-site verification audits covering each qualifying EMS.

We will integrate EMS into DLA missions, activities, and functions as a business practice to improve overall performance. Field activities and DLA Enterprise Support will collaborate in setting and implementing objectives and specific targets that improve environmental and mission performance. They will insure that this policy is communicated to all employees and contractors working on behalf of DLA and post on appropriate DLA web sites to inform the public. Use of resources to attain or sustain third party registration to the ISO 14001 Standard is allowed only when it provides clear and documented mission benefit.

Support for our customers and the Nation demand a commitment to continual improvement in our environmental management practices. Your active leadership and personal involvement are essential.

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